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January 3, 2013

Commissioner for Patents Office of Petitions Mail Stop Petition PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner,

This letter serves as a petition to accept late payment for Patent#6159166.

The 12th year maintenance fee for patent#6159166 (application#09045018) was attempted online on December 11, 2012. The charge of \$2480.00 appeared on our bank statement, but stayed in a "Pending" status for at least one week, until it finally disappeared from the pending section, but never posted to our account. I have attached a copy of our bank online activity showing this charge in the "Pending" section. It was originally processed on 12/11/12.

I have attached a copy of an email string from Kelly Beavers (Office of Financial Mgmt. Systems/Financial Systems Ops. Div.) that states that "the USPTO's credit card processing service was experiencing a significant outage on 12/11/12".

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Attach:

CVC-HD LLC online bank printout

Email string from Kelly Beavers (USPTO)

Check for maintenance fee of \$2480.00

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